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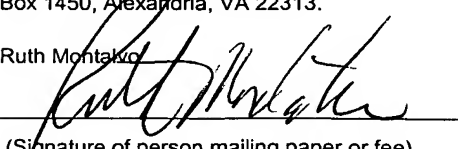
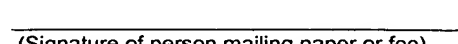
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered and the accompanying remarks be considered. The one (1) month extended period for response is set to expire on August 23, 2004. Therefore, this response is filed with a petition for and the requisite fee for an one month extension of time. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 8 of this paper. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper. An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.

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